

CITY OF CLARKSTON

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ITEM NO: F2

HEARING TYPE:
Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

MEETING DATE: October 6, 2015

ACTION TYPE:
Resolution

SUBJECT: Approve William Tinkler, Jr. To Serve As The Ethics Hearing Officer For The City Of Clarkston

DEPARTMENT: City Administration

PUBLIC HEARING: ☐ YES ☒ NO

ATTACHMENT: ☐ YES ☒ NO
Pages:

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PURPOSE:

To approve William Tinkler, Jr. to serve as the Ethics Hearing Officer for the City of Clarkston.

NEED/ IMPACT:

At the August 2014 Council Meeting, the City Council voted unanimously to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to review the existing Ethics Ordinance and propose a revamped ordinance. The previous ordinance used a volunteer Ethics Committee to perform the initial review of ethics complaints and hold hearings and make recommendations to the City Council for action. There were several perceived weaknesses identified in this procedure.

1. Qualifications of committee members
2. High rate of turnover
3. Possibility for politization
4. Ethics Committee was slow and inefficient
5. Ethics Committee resisted videotaping of hearings

Subsequently the City Council voted to adopt a revised ordinance at the November Council Meeting. The new Ethics Ordinance allows for an Ethics Hearing Officer to be nominated by the City Manager and approved by the City Council. The Hearing Officer shall be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia for at least the most recent five (5) years.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the nomination of Attorney William Tinkler, Jr. to serve in the capacity as Ethics Hearing Officer for the City of Clarkston.